(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Fast speed trains

3800. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce fast speed trains in the country;

(b) whether any surveys have been made in this regard; and

(c) if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) Ministry of Railways has decided to conduct pre-feasibility studies on six selected high speed passenger corridors. Out of these, study for Pune – Mumbai – Ahmedabad is in progress. Outcome of the study will be available after its completion.

Speed of goods trains

†3801. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the speed of goods trains is estimated between 19 kilometres to 30 kilometres in the country;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether by enhancing the speed limit of these trains, the quantity of goods transported can be increased; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Quantity of goods transported by rail primarily depends upon demand. However, increase in speeds will effect an improvement in turn round of wagons which will, to some extent, enable carriage of more quantity with the same fleet of rolling stock.

(d) Speed of fright trains depends upon the line capacity, trailing load carried, the wagon design and track parameters. Improvement in wagon design, track parameters etc. is a continuous process.

Problems faced by passengers due to milkmen

†3802. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that milkmen around Delhi enter into general bogies;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.